

Groundwork USA Network Accomplishments in 2019

Project/Program Mix

Total number of projects	850
planning and design	272
construction and implementation	147
natural resource conservation	330
community planning initiatives	101
Total number of programs (e.g., youth, school and community education, food and nutrition, community gardens, urban forestry, workforce development, civic engagement, climate change, stewardship, storm water reduction)	149

Physical Improvements (total number)

Trees planted	4,127
Bulbs, perennials, flats of flowers & vegetables planted	8,382
Large amenities installed (e.g. benches, playgrounds, raised beds, rain gardens)	253
Small amenities installed (e.g. flower boxes, signs, trash cans, recycling bins)	342
Acres of brownfields/derelict land physically improved	97
Acres of open space/parkland improved	3,009
Miles of sidewalk, paths, trails built or improved	121
Sites cleaned up (one time)/maintained (regularly)	229/429
Pounds of trash/debris cleaned up	198,157
Feet of riparian habitat cleaned up, conserved, or restored	1,297,860

Integrating the Economy and the Environment

Total number of businesses involved	722
Number of jobs provided (full- and part-time, interns, seasonal)	440
Weeks of environmental and green job training (1 trainee for 40 hours = 1 week, 3 students for 20 hours each = 1.5 weeks)	1,002
Number of youth participating in leadership/skills training	905

Climate Protection

Tons of CO2 sequestered through projects and programs	3,743
Miles walked/biked/on public transport instead of driven	42,995

Access to Healthy Food

Number of community garden beds provided/maintained	492/2,515
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Community Involvement and Education

Number of youth (<18 yrs.) engaged in volunteer activities	10,762
Number of adults (>18 yrs.) engaged in volunteer activities	1,480
Total volunteer hours	92,555
Number of schools involved	215
Number of students involved in environmental education	10,695
Number of community events	469
Number of people engaged at events	32,559
New partnerships established / # partners engaged in work	231/ 874

Leveraging Resources

Public sector funding (federal, state, local)	\$5.3 million
Private sector funding (business, foundations, civic, private)	\$7.8 million
Value of donated goods/services (not volunteer time)	\$818,587

Groundwork USA Network's Highlighted Achievements

Denver, CO: Provided critical weatherization upgrades to 230+ households impacted by highway construction and encroachment.

New Orleans, LA: Completed construction on Legacy Park, a new community greenspace bringing storm water management, an outdoor classroom and outdoor seating to the heart of the city.

Elizabeth, NJ: Opened Jerry's Greenhouse to provide hands on agricultural and conservation education to residents of all ages.

San Diego, CA: Secured \$3.5M in funding to complete a de-channelization, urban forestry and trail building project to reconnect the Chollas Creek watershed region.

Richmond, VA: Engaged Green Team in educating community members about the disproportionate impact of climate change on formerly redlined neighborhoods and translated community voice into concrete policies that compensate for past injury.